

That other poll...

"IT'S very disappointing, but a uniquely democratic procedure." Bob Pearce was philosophic.

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Bob, president of the National Union of Australian University Students, was commenting on an Australia-wide student vote.

The students voted on Vietnam and conscription.

The motions were adopted as NUAUS policy at its last August council meeting, but because of their "controversial" nature, while remaining interim policy, they were referred to the student bodies for ratification.

The universities of Queensland and WA held referendums. Other universities held general meetings.

Bob said the students defeated motions:

- That NUAUS incite and encourage young men not to register for National Service.

- It initiate a campaign to send money to the government of North Vietnam to aid the rebuilding of schools destroyed by US bombing.

- It passed motions: That the NUAUS office be a sanctuary for students refusing to comply with the provisions of the National Service Act.

- NUAUS recommend to all constituents they provide physical support, food and study facilities for people refusing to comply with the National Service Act.

Bob denied that NUAUS had lost credibility because the two most radical motions — aid to North Vietnam and incitement against natural Service — were defeated.

I think that stirring-up discussion is very important," he said.

"I also believe that delegates to our council meetings are a few years ahead of student opinion.

"And I believe that university student opinion is a few years ahead of public opinion."

Bob said the council



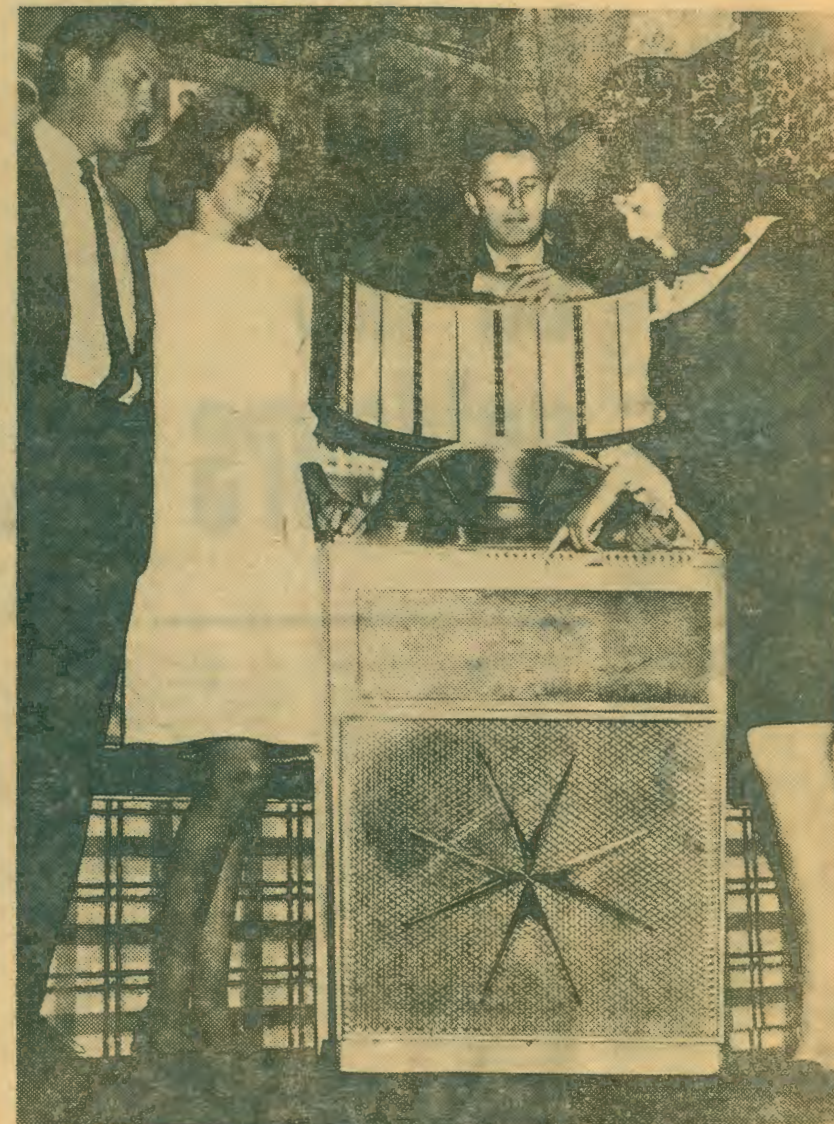
meetings attracted "some of the best student speakers" and their arguments on motions provided a basis for campus discussion.

"Finally," he said, "What other organisation would pass motions and then refer them back to members for ratification?"

"Is any other group as democratic?"

A SHORT SPRING FOR WARD

YOUNG SUN



MEMBERS of the Topliners of Australia Club relax together. From left: Tony Froude, 26, Sheona Hall, 23, Secretary Ross Campbell, 23, and Maureen Ransome, 23.

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